

Remarks

Claims 11-13, and 17 are now pending. Claims 1-3 and 6-8 have been canceled and claim 17 is new. Support for claim 17 may be found in paragraph 17 of the specification. Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the double patenting rejection.

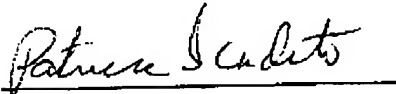
The examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6-8, and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barry GB622970 for reasons described in the previous office action. Applicants have canceled Claims 1-3 and 6-8 and added new claim 17. Claims 11-13 and 17 relate to a process where a trichlorosilane and a phenylchlorosilane are added along with the phenyl Grignard reagent, ether and toluene in particular ratios to maximize the amount of diphenylchlorosilanes made. While Barry also describes making diorganochlorosilanes, Barry does not suggest adding a trichlorosilane AND a phenylchlorosilane. Rather, Barry merely teaches reacting a tri- OR di-halo silane with a Grignard reagent (see examples). Barry describes ways to get different organo groups on the silane, see page 2, lines 23-33 and page 3 lines 15-35, however, adding two different silanes is not taught.

Therefore, Applicants believe the present claims as amended are not prima facie obvious over Barry, and respectfully request that the Examiner allow claims 11-13 and 17.

This reply is being submitted within two months of the mail date of the office action and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter these amendments and provide an advisory action as to the allowability of the claims as soon as possible.

Although the Applicants believe in good faith that no extensions of time are needed, the Applicants hereby petition for any necessary extensions of time. You are authorized to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. You are authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to deposit account 04-1520.

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